



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1858

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Legal Foundation, Inc. a 501(c)(3) that provides free legal service to low-income and underserved individuals and their families. There is an increased need for these legal services in various areas including but not limited to elderly services, evictions, foreclosures, domestic violence, veterans' affairs, senior centers, drug courts, community centers, homeless shelters and legal services to other charitable organizations. Legal Foundation, Inc. will work with these individuals, their families and other charitable organizations, help navigate our court system and represent them in their legal needs. Our representation not only assists the individuals and their families, but also helps to decrease the backlog and toll on our court system. Legal Foundation, Inc. utilizes and works with multiple community centers, agencies, grassroots organizations and provides mobile community outreach to make our services known and readily available when people need it the most.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	932,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	932,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	932,000	84%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	175,000	16%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,107,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** Yes
- a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Local support and supplemental funding from City and County Commission and various other donors.



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

Planning Design Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director - project oversight and supervision of program and staff	75,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Office Manager	45,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Outreach Director & 3 Community Outreach Team Members - conducting outreach in the community to provide awareness of these services	165,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	4 full time attorneys, 3 paralegals and 1 receptionist	330,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Court costs, litigation costs and filing fees. Office equipment, hardware and software, insurance, telephone, utilities, internet, rent and payroll services.	157,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	CPA, Compliance Officer, IT support company, non-staffed attorneys to handle specific case areas i.e., Veterans	160,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		932,000

14. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?



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Legal Foundation will provide free legal assistance and social services to low income and underserved individuals and their families, providing them the same legal recourse and accessibility to our justice system as any other Floridian.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Attorneys will provide free legal consultations, guidance and representation in various areas of the law to low income and underserved individuals and their families.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Legal Foundation will provide free consultation, guidance and representation to low income and underserved individuals and their families, providing them the same legal recourse and accessibility to our justice system as any other Floridian. The outcome will be measured by the number of clients we serve, which will be documented by intake forms, logs, files and case management software.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

Individuals considered to be low-income or underserved in need of legal consultation and representation. Our goal is to serve as many individuals as possible that need our services based on the available funding.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

To provide low income and underserved individuals the same legal recourse and accessibility to our justice system as any other Floridian. The outcome will be measured by the number of clients we serve, which will be documented by intake forms, logs, files and case management software.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

If deliverables and performance measures are not met, funds will be deducted from the amount provided to the Legal Foundation.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College



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Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number